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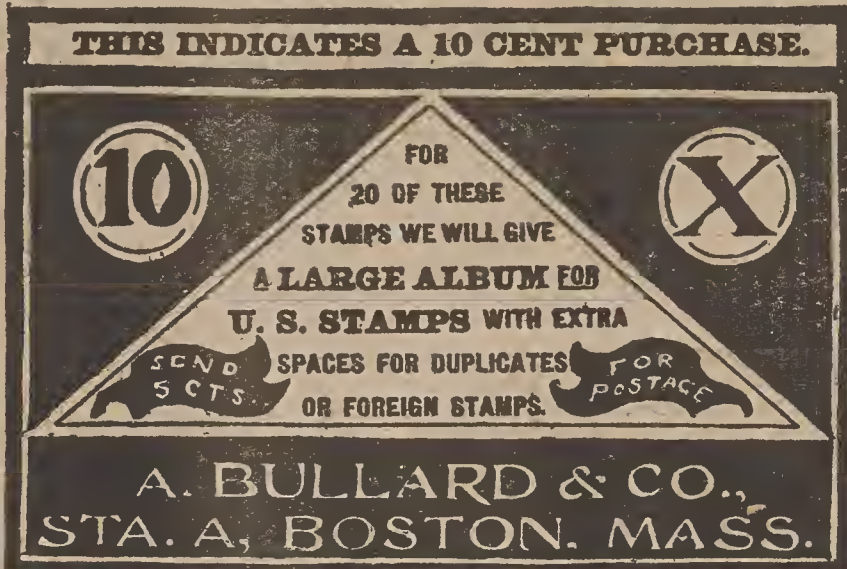
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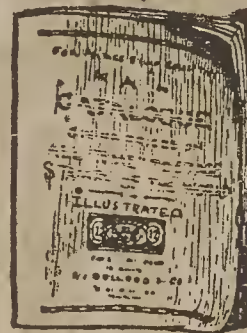


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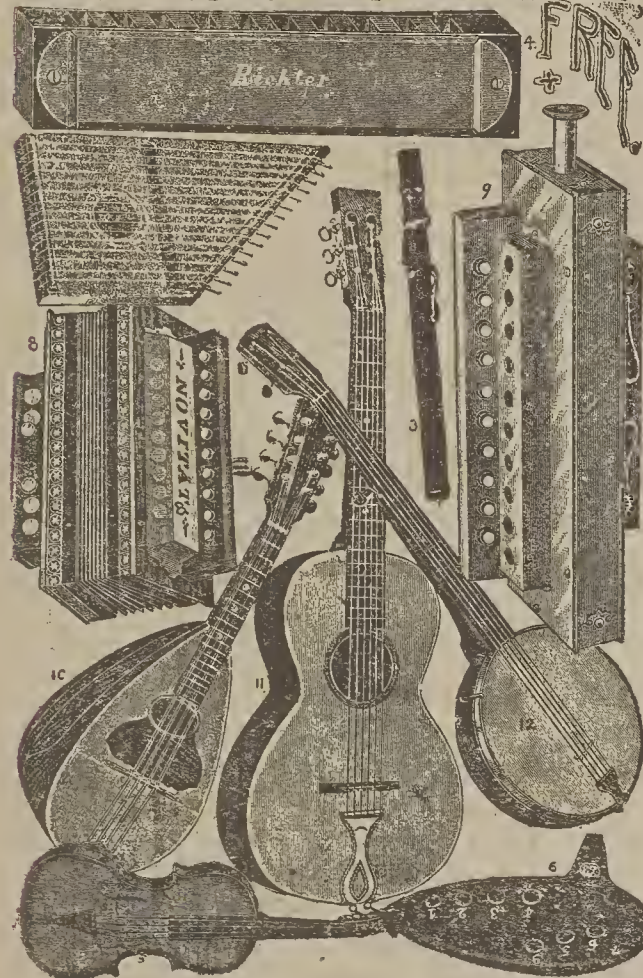
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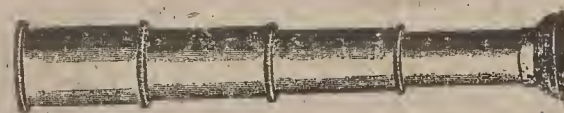
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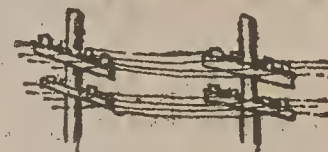
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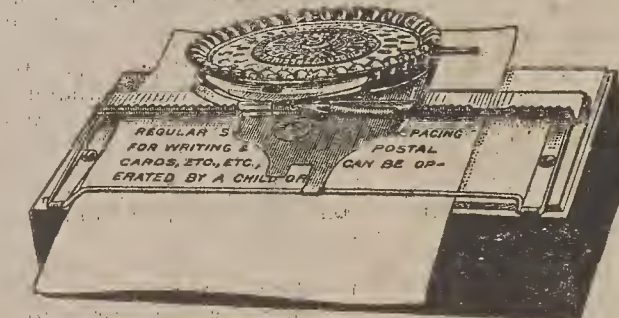
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A number of years ago being at that time stationed in Sicily, the regiment to which I belonged was ordered to form part of a small expedition sent to Egypt under the command of General Mackenzie Fraser. Subsequent to the unfortunate affair at Rosetta, where Major-General Wauchope was killed, and where the army lost a great many men, the troops retreated to Alexandria, and the corps to which I belonged was chosen for the purpose of encamping on the sands of Aboukir, to watch the motions of the Turks.

In the camp, where we remained several months, the event happened which I relate as indicative of what may be expected by kindness even to the most savage animal. Soon after our encampment, we observed that large troops of wild dogs were in the habit of hovering round the camp, for the purpose of picking up whatever they could; however, they never during the day approached near the camp, but were generally to be seen in a small wood in its vicinity, and about the ruins of the old castle. A wild dog is about the size of a large shepherd-dog, generally of a dirty white color, very strong limbs, large head with prick ears, something like a wolf's head, and, like him 'bony, and gaunt, and grim.' One of these dogs—a female—had domesticated herself at the hospital tent, where the men fed her, and I also used to take her to my own tent frequently, and give

her a breakfast. She remained with the regiment many years after our return to Sicily. One night, being the captain on duty, it was my business after twelve o'clock to visit all the guards and pickets in the neighborhood of our camp. I was on horseback; and when about a quarter of a mile distant from the camp, my horse suddenly began to snort, and very soon stood still, nor could I, by use of heel and hand, induce him to go forward. I perceived approaching me, at the distance of thirty yards, something white, and, by an immediate attack, became aware that my enemy was a troop of these said wild dogs. I drew my sabre, and endeavored to urge my horse forward, but he was immovable. The dogs, to the number of eight or ten, kept a few yards in front of me, barking, and every now and then throwing themselves forward on their fore-legs, as if about to spring. I flourished my sabre, shouted to them, and kept a good front, as I knew if I allowed my horse to turn, they would fasten on him. I was suddenly surprised by seeing something pass from behind me with great rapidity, and in an instant after saw the foremost dog seized by another and thrown down; then another and another. I took advantage of the break in their line, dashed through, and quickly arrived at the picket I was going to visit. I found the men under arms, and the corporal said he thought from the noise that the whole Turkish cavalry were in motion! When I was relating to the men the circumstance which had happened, my active ally made her appearance, in the person of our hospital friend, who, I suppose hearing the uproar,

had come to the scene of action and generously taken the side of the few against the many. Certainly, had it not been for my female canine auxiliary, I should have had the worst of the encounter.

As some of the habits of the chameleon may not be known, I will take the liberty of mentioning a few of them, which came under my own observation. One morning, on my return from parade, I saw, close to my own tent, a very large chameleon hanging on a bush. I immediately secured him, and provided a box for him to repose in. In the course of a very few days he became quite familiar, and having seen them before, I knew how to gain his affections—which, in the first place, was done by feeding him well; and, in the next place, by scratching his back with a feather! I used to put him on my table at breakfast, and in the course of a very few minutes I have seen him devour at least fifty flies, catching them in the most dextrous manner with his long and slimy tongue; nor does he ever move from his position; but so sure as an unfortunate fly comes within reach, so sure is he caught, and with the rapidity of thought. In the forenoon I always gave him a large slice of water-melon, the whole of which he devoured; and he generally supped on as many flies as he could manage to entrap, setting at defiance all the 'noble Hamlet's' theory of the chameleon's dish. Promises would not have suited him at all, being, at the end of each day, considerably more like a crammed capon than an air-fed chameleon.

It is not true that this animal will change color according to what he is put on; but he will change shade according as he is pleased or displeased. His general hue is a bright green, with small gold spots over his body; he remains at this shade when he is highly pleased, by being in the sun, or being fed, or scratched, which he delights in. When angry—and he is very easily made so—his hue changes to a dusky green, almost to black, and the gold spots are not to be seen; but I never could perceive any other color on his body but green, in a variety of shades; the spots enlarge very much when he is in good humor—so much indeed, as to give a yellow tinge to the upper part of the animal; but in general they are merely little yellow spots here and there on the back and side. I carried him to Sicily, where he died, much regretted.





WATER WHEEL.

That May Be Made at Home and Will Run Toy Machinery.

Nothing pleases a boy better than playing beside a lively little brook that runs for awhile a level course and then tumbles 'head first' over the wet stones, says a writer in Harper's Round Table. In the rapids there is a chance to erect a water wheel that will not only go by itself, but will also carry some small machinery above it.

First get a box of a size to correspond with the depth of the water in the stream, and remove one end and about one third of the other end, fitting in a shelf from the upper edge of the remaining portion forward to near the middle of the box. Now make a waterwheel, crossing three pieces at each end and nailing them strongly. To the edges nail strips of one fourth inch board for the fans, making the wheel just long enough to fit loosely between the sides of the box.

A piece of hard wood may be used for the shaft, making it square in shape where it passes through the end pieces of the wheel. A crank can be made outside the box to connect with the up-and-down "piston-rod" that will set in motion any wheels that may be geared to it above. A blacksmith could make a shaft from a small iron rod in a few moments, bending the projecting end into the crank form.

The water wheel must be located in the box so that the fans will just clear the front edge of the shelf, along and over which the water is to flow.

Put the wheel far enough in front of the edge of the shelf so that the water will fall over and strike upon the bottom of the box, with the ends projecting on either side. Upon these ends lay heavy rocks to hold the wheel in place firmly. Now build the dam of stones and earth, using sods or clay to "chink" between the stones.

When the water rises so as to flow over and along the shelf in the box, the wheel will begin to revolve—more and more rapidly as the volume of the water increases. A top can be fitted to the box, and upon this can be placed any top machinery that may be desired.

A City of Pelicans.

Frank M. Chapman tells the readers of the September St. Nicholas where the pelicans of Florida build their nests and breed.

In March, 1898 I visited this city of birds. As my boat approached I saw signs of life. Flocks of birds were returning from fishing expeditions; platoons were resting on the sandy points, some were in bathing, others were sailing about in broad circles high overhead; and soon one could hear the sound of many voices—a medley of strange cries in an unknown tongue.

It being quite impossible to count the birds, I determined to count their nests, of which my census showed there were no less than 845; but only 251 were occupied, although all had been built that spring.

The death rate is high in Pelican-town. Doubtless many young birds die through injuries received while trying to escape from tourists who visit the island and thoughtlessly chase the young birds about. Eggs and very young birds are destroyed in hundreds by fish crows that daily come over from the mainland on marauding expeditions. It is not probably, therefore, that in many families three pelicans live to leave the nest together; hence, we may reckon about one and a half pelican to each of the vacant nests. Add to these two parent pelicans to each nest, and we have 2,581 birds on the wing or on foot. But this number is to be increased by the number of 154 young that were still in the nests, making the total number of population of Pelicantown 2,735.

Lazy Pussy Cats.

"You lazy, lazy Pussy-cats! Ever since your breakfast

You haven't done a single thing but sit there in the sun!

I've had to learn my letters—four of them this morning:

D and E, and F and G—I know them every one.

"Do you know what will happen? You all will grow up stupid.

Snowflake, Whitey, Puffball!—remember what I say!

You won't be anything but cats, who cannot read a letter;

And when I take to writing books, you won't know what they say!"

—St. Nicholas.

Getting a Cinch on Him.

"He'll propose all right," said the old man confidently. "I have him fixed."

"What did you do?" asked the anxious mother.

"I asked him to lend me \$50, and he did it. Oh, he is in earnest and no mistake."

"But you didn't want the money," protested the anxious mother.

"Of course not," answered the foxy father. "I only wanted to encourage him. He thinks he has me fixed so I can't object, and he'll come to the point in a hurry now."—Chicago, Post,

A Little Too Much.



The Gentleman—How's this? Last week it was the right leg you had lost? The Gaffer—Say, you can't expect a fellow to stand all week on one leg

A Sly One

"Didn't you know it was against the law to beg for money?" said the lady

to the tramp at the back door.

"I wasn't going to beg for money, ma'am," was the reply of the humble wanderer.

"It's just as bad to beg for bread."

"I wasn't going to beg for bread ma'am."

"What are you going to beg for, then pray?"

"Only for one of your pictures ma'am."—Yonkers Statesman.

"What you readin' Samuel?"

"Plutarch's Lives," dad."

"Say it again."

"Plutarch's Lives."

"You put dat book right down, son. Don't you know dem plutarch's is the wust enemies dis yer country's got? Dat's right, boy. Ef it wasn't for de mill'onnaires, and the trusts, and de plutarchs, we all might be getting rich an' happy. So don't you read no more of dat book, son; not anudder line."

An Electric Rat-Trap.

A small piece of cheese and an electric wire form the latest rat-trap. The cheese is fixed to the wire, and the instant the rat touches the cheese he receives a shock which kills him.

Odd Industry for Boys and Girls.

Boys and girls of Brussels, Belgium, have been having a lesson in the value of small things. The children attending the public schools of the city were requested by their teachers to gather up, on their way to and from the school, all such apparently valueless objects as old metallic bottle capsules, tinfoil, tin cans, paint tubes, refuse metals and other things, and deliver their collections daily to their teachers.

In the period from Jan. 1 to Oct 1, 1895, or within eight months, the following amounts were collected: Tin-foil, 925 pounds; old paint tubes, 220 pounds; bottle capsules, 4,415 pounds; scraps of metal, 1,221 pounds; total, 7,781 pounds. This apparent rubbish was sold and the proceeds applied so as to clothe completely 500 poor children and send ninety sick ones to the country, and there still remained quite a balance, which was distributed among the poor sick of the city.

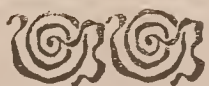
Oil on the Troubled Waters

"Pouring oil on the troubled waters" as a quotation is hundreds of years old, but it is only recently that it has been actually adopted as a means for calming real storms on the ocean. Within the last few months many of the seamen who navigate our own great lakes have begun to carry oil in bags on their vessels. These bags will be hung over the sides of the ship and the oil will be allowed to dribble out slowly and form a coating over the surface of the water. Its effect is to prevent the breaking of the waves, converting the sea into long, smooth swells.

Depth of Oceans.

The Pacific Ocean covers 78,000,000 square miles, the Atlantic 25,000,000, the Mediterranean 1,000,000.

Unbreakable mirrors are now made by putting a coating of quicksilver on the back of a thin plate of celluloid.



A GOOD THING TO DO.

Hold it back, tie it down,
Bind it fast and tight,
Set your lips together close—
Which will win the fight?
Let it go wild and free,
Running reckless riot?
Surely that will quickly be
An end of peace and quiet.
Strongest men of all you know
Find it hard to do.
If you try your very best,
Victory for you.
Try it hard. Bring to it
Firm determination.
If you rule it well and good,
You can rule a nation.
To all the heroes who have been
Tried and told and sung,
Let us add the sturdy boy
Who can hold his tongue.

A SHARK IN HARNESS.

How the Florida Reef Boys Play
With the Sea Monsters.

On the shallow lagoons of the outer Florida reef the bottom in ten feet of water is often pure white, so that dark objects resting upon it stand out with startling distinctness. One of the frequenters of the reef is a shark, known as the nurse, a huge fellow, nine or ten feet in length, who seeks the seclusion of the shallows and apparently goes to sleep. At least, pretends to, as he is seen lying perfectly quiet for hours, often permitting a boat to sail over him.

Naturally so sluggish a fish was easily captured, and one day, after watching the sharks swimming around the lagoon and refusing to leave the white shallow bottom, it occurred to a party of boys that the nurse shark would make an admirable steed, and immediate plans were formulated to capture him.

The sharks were most plentiful near a long, narrow island, and here the boys made their headquarters. Their mode of transportation was extremely primitive. The boat in which they crossed from the island where they lived was the wooden casing of an arch some masons had been making, a boat-shaped affair, blunt at both ends. This had been calked and provided with rowlocks, and in it the boys made frequent excursions. The plan was to sail the boat quietly over the sharks, then lower a large slip noose down and take one by the head.

The rope and a pair of grains were thrown into the boat, and, all being ready, the boys started on their expedition. They soon sighted a black spot, which told of the presence of the school of sharks, and a few moments later were quietly drifting over them. Not a word was spoken, and the greatest caution was observed as one of the boys held the boat in place while another lowered the noose. Unfortunately an oar dropped overboard, and, with a whirl of their tails, the big fishes were off in every direction.

In the excitement of the moment a third boy seized the spear, and hurled

it at a shark that was passing beneath the boat. The weapon took effect, and the next moment the line, which was fastened to the pole, stiffened out with a jerk, whirling the boat round and round, and throwing the boys down violently into the bottom. When they picked themselves up they found the flat-bottomed boat dashing along at a rapid rate. They had secured a steed, though not in the manner anticipated.

Up the reef the nurse swam, now pulling the boat down dangerously near the water and sending out a big wave on either side, then turning with a rush to avoid a coral bank, that grew on the edge of the channel, and racing to the starting point.

All this was very exciting. One boy held the line by bracing back; another took an oar and attempted to steer the craft in its wild race, while the other boy was merely an enthusiastic passenger. Suddenly the shark turned again, and the bow boy, rising to see what new direction it was taking, lost his balance and was jerked overboard. Before his companions realized fully the situation he was being towed along on the surface by the demoralized shark. The reef boys were as much at home in the water as on land, so the unforeseen accident simply added to the sport. The remaining boys rowed the boat across the lagoon cutting off the shark, soon picking up their companion who had pluckily held the line during the exciting tow. The shark soon became weary of dragging the boat and was then run ashore by his captors.—C. F. Holder.

Fish from a Bottle of Ink.

A simple and pretty little trick, that almost anybody might do, is the changing of a glass full of ink into an aquarium. The glass of ink is exhibited to the audience, then a handkerchief is placed over it and immediately removed, showing a glass of water with a fish in it. Of course the water and the fish are there at first. The ink is perfectly represented by a piece of black rubber cloth, laid against the inside of the glass. A bit of thread is fastened to the cloth and hangs over the side of the glass away from the audience, with a little cork at the end of it. When the magician places the handkerchief over the glass he takes hold of the cork and brings away cork, thread and all, hidden in the handkerchief, leaving the water and the fish disclosed.

A New Pump.

Bicycle tires can be quickly inflated by a new pump which is formed of the central tube of the frame, with valves at each end, the seat post being used as a plunger for compressing the air and fastened by a clamping lever when not in use.

An Active Volcano.

The most active volcano in the world is Mount Sangay, 17,190 feet high, situated on the eastern chain of the Andes, South America. It has been in constant eruption since 1728.

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How Indians Poisoned Their Arrows.

On the deserts of Arizona are to be found the most venomous, the largest, most active and most dangerous rattlesnakes in the world. Six feet is an ordinary length for these reptiles. Recovery from their venom is exceedingly rare. In August they become large, yellow, bloated things, and it is at this time of the year that the Apache Indians seek them to obtain poison for their arrows. A deer's liver, smoking hot, is torn out and laid before the reptile. He is punched and angered so that he strikes it again and again, the morsel turning a blue black from the poison even before the snake has finished striking. This delightful morsel is then placed high on a pole to rot and decompose in the sun, after which it is brought down and the arrows stuck into it, they being afterward dried in the sun to retain the poison—a most horrible custom among the worst Indians on the continent.

Busiest Animals at the Zoo.

The busiest of all the park animals in Chicago, are the prairie dogs. The other animals all enjoy aristocratic leisure, with plenty of men to wait on them. They feel no responsibility about earning their living or providing themselves with a comfortable home; but the prairie dogs, which come from the breezy and energetic west, will brook no such laziness. They dig to the bottom of their sand heap, build a big mound above it, and sit proudly on their home for half a day or less, and then they tear down what they have built and dig another home. As soon as it is done, that, too, is destroyed, and they begin on a third. In this way they keep busy night and day, and have all the enjoyment of moving into a new flat every week.

Drive a Needle Through a Copper.

An apparent mechanical impossibility may be accomplished by simple means, using a copper cent, and a cork, with a common cambric needle as accessories. Announce that you will drive a small needle through a coin, and few will be ready to accept your statement, yet it is very simple and any one can do it. Take a copper coin, place it upon two small blocks of wood, leaving a very narrow open space between the blocks. Now, having selected a good, sound cork, force the needle through it until the point just appears at the other end. Break off the portion of the head of the needle showing above the top of the cork. Place the cork upon the coin and strike it a fair, smart blow with a hammer. The needle will be driven entirely through the penny by a single blow.

MY LITTLE "PRUE."

A demure, silent little lass
I very often see;
She is the dearest, queerest girl—
Her name is Prudence Lee.

My little Prue is quaint and prim;
She comes of Pilgrim stock;
Her father was a member of
The band at Plymouth Rock.

She always wears a long, plain dress,
Of sombrest, darkest hue;
From underneath her large brown
hood
Blue eyes peep out at you.

Dear little Prue of olden time—
So full of artless grace—
How well I love to sit and gaze
On thy fair sweet face.

The face that long has ceased to smile,
The witching eyes of blue;
Oh, nothing more is left of her,
My bonny little Prue

For she is but a picture now—
A child of bygone times—
Who now is looking down at me
From far and fairer climes.

WAS MAKING PROGRESS.

The Patient Showed Symptoms of Approaching Convalescence.

The gentleman who rung the bell several times before the servant let him in was looking surprised and a trifle apprehensive when Mrs. Blykins came into the room.

"I called," he explained, "to inquire about your husband's health. He and I belong to the same organization, and several of the members desired me to call and see how he is getting along. We were very sorry to hear of his illness."

"It's very kind of you," she answered.

There was a crash which shook the chandelier.

She paid no attention to it.

"I think it will be only a day or two before he is able to get out and go down town," she added.

The slamming of doors echoed heavily through the house.

"Has he been dangerously sick?"

"Not 'untl' to-day."

"But I understood you to say that he was convalescent."

"I think I may say that he is so. He

wasn't well enough to be dangerous till this morning. But before noon he had discharged the trained nurse, quarreled with the cook, smashed a rocking chair against which he stubbed his toe and thrown the canary bird out of the window. Those are always hopeful symptoms with him, and I feel fairly justified in saying that he is convalescent."

Her Silence Explained.

A young lady from the country was suing her ex-sweetheart for breach of promise, and the lawyers were, as usual, making all sorts of inquisitive inquiries.

"You say," remarked one, "that the defendant frequently sat very close to you?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply with a hectic flush.

"How close?"

"Close enough so one cheer was all the settin' rom we needed."

"And you say he put his arm around you?"

"No, I didn't."

"What did you say, then?"

"I said he put both arms around me."

"Then what?"

"He hugged me."

"Very hard?"

"Yes, he did; so hard that I come purty near hollering out."

"Why didn't you holler?"

"'Cause."

"That's no reason. Be explicit, please. Because why?"

"'Cause I was afeared he'd stop."—
Golden Penny.

In Washington

"Why those men are fighting!"

"Oh, don't mind them."

"But one of them has the other by the hair!"

"That's nothing."

"And the other has his opponent's ear between his teeth!"

"Oh, come along."

"But wait. It may be a murder!"

"Will you come along?"

"Tell me first what they are fighting about."

"They are not fighting."

"Not fighting? What are they doing?"

"Arguing over the constitution."

Hen-House Needed Painting Too.



Rembrandt Daubbs—May I paint your picturesque old barn, sir?"

Farmer Jones—Go ahead, sonny; but I'd a darn sight rather ye'd paint de hen house—it needs it most.

MYSTERY OF SHOE SIZES.

Meaning of the Markings on the English and French Shoe Sticks.

Although every one has his feet measured for shoes, there are very few persons who know what the sizes marked upon the shoe stick mean.

There are two shoe sticks in use in America and Europe. The stick used in the United States was originally English and is still used in England. The rest of Europe uses the French stick.

The sizes on the English shoe stick were derived from the length of a barley corn, and they run three to the inch. The first mark on the stick, or size 1, is made arbitrarily, just $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the upright. Why this distance was fixed upon does not appear to be known. For some other reason which only can be guessed at, the graduated part of the stick is again divided into two sets of numbers. These numbers begin at 1 and run up to 13, and then they begin again at 1 and run up to 13. The first numbers from 1 to 5 are known as infant's sizes, those from 6 to 10 as children's, from 11 to 2 as misses' sizes, from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ as women's, and from 7 to 13 as men's sizes.

The French shoe stick is divided into a great many more sizes than the English, and the French shoemakers subdivide these again, as is done with the English sticks, into half-sizes. There is no exact relationship between the markings on the two sticks, but the French size 16 corresponds to the English infants' 1, and their size 44 is the same as the English size 10 for men. A woman who wears a $2\frac{1}{2}$ shoe by English measure would get a 34 or 35 by the French measure, and a man with a 7 foot by English measure would wear a 40 shoe in France. Over here the width of the shoe is designated by a letter, while the French use figures. The with AAA is the French 000. B is the French 1 and EE is the French 5 width.

Where People Eat Concentrated Lye

"Strange, pliant subject is this human frame; adapts itself to most anything! Feed it on alcohol a while and it craves more; give it arsenic, strychnine, or any old poison and a craving is at once set up." So began a popular railroad "talking man," as he drew back from his typewriter and wiped his glasses. "On my recent trip to west Texas I came upon a case in point. Out beyond Fort Davis there is a section of country which for unadulterated alkalinity beats anything on earth. What water there is tastes somewhere between castor oil and vichy and soda, while every bit of plant and animal life has become so impregnated with caustic potash that leaves and skins, barks and furs glisten like the costume of a ballet dancer in a 'feerie,' and alkali has become as necessary to them as drink to a dipsomaniac.

"I saw one family who had imbibed and eaten such quantities of alkaline matter that the neutralizing effect of the slightest acid was torture to them, what they craved being more and more of the burning salts. In their composite kitchen and dining room I noticed a row of bright new tin cans upon a shelf. I first took them to be condensed milk, but picture my horror when the mistress of the house took down one of the cans, which I then

say was concentrated lye, opened it, and gave a heaping spoonful to each of the children all around. They licked it down with evident delight and went back to their games."

Facts Worth Remembering.

The finest gardens in the world are the Royal gardens at Kew, England. They cover an area of about 270 acres, and are visited by about 1,500,000 persons a year. The gardens contain the finest collection of exotic plants in the world, a palm house, a winter garden, a museum, an observatory and a school for gardeners.

The largest geyser in the world is the Excelsior geyser in Yellowstone park. Its basin is 200 feet across and 330 feet deep. This basin is full of boiling water, from which clouds of steam are constantly ascending. At long intervals water is spouted into the air to a height of from 50 to 300 feet.

The deepest hole in the earth is at Schladebach, near Ketschau, Germany. It is 5,735 feet in depth and is for geologic research only. The drilling was begun in 1880 and stopped six years later because the engineers were unable with their instruments to go deeper. This hole was expensive, as its cost was \$53,000.

The greatest suspension bridge in the world is the Brooklyn bridge, which also leads the world in the number of its daily passengers. Its length, including approaches, is 5,989 feet, the distance between the towers 930 feet; the weight of the structure is 6,470 tons; its cost was over \$15,000,000. The bridge cars carry about 45,000,000 people every year.

The largest stock yards in the world are in Chicago. The combined plants represent an investment of over \$10,000,000. The yards contain twenty miles of streets, twenty miles of water troughs, fifty miles of feeding troughs and seventy-five miles of water and drainage troughs. The yards are capable of receiving and accommodating daily 20,000 cattle, 20,000 sheep and 120,000 hogs.

Hanleigh—Do you enjoy bicycling?
Foote—Can't say that I do; but then the only experience I have had is in being run into. Perhaps if I should learn to ride I might enjoy it better.

No Silent Clocks for Them.

Pearson's Weekly: A clock manufacturer of Birmingham found that a rival was doing a large trade in cheap clocks sent out to the wilds of Africa. He got hold of a sample clock, and, finding that there was a heavy profit in the enterprise, invested a large sum of money in making a still better clock, thousands of which were shipped to the same market.

Strange to say, sales were slow, while his rival, turning out a cheaper and far less accurate timepiece, was selling all he could make. Investigation showed the cause.

Savages like noise. The clocks made by the original exporter had a particularly loud and aggressive tick; his imitator made a better clock, but it was almost noiseless, and the savages would have none of it. The remedy was simple. The next shipment of

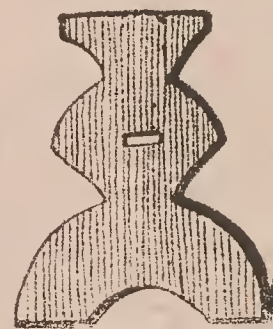
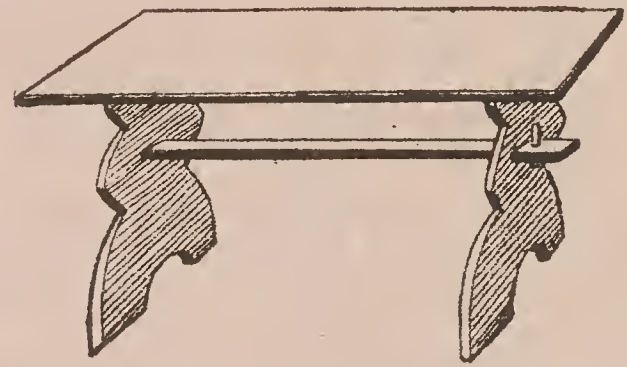
clocks to the Guinea coast ticked more loudly than anything previously heard there, and all went well.

Floral Weather Foreteller.

The marigold is a little weather prophet. If the day is going to be fine the flower opens about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon; but if wet weather is in store the marigold does not open at all.

For an Amateur Carpenter.

The honesty of hand-made furniture is always attractive, particularly if it is made without glue in the good, old-fashioned style, with wooden bolts to hold the supports together. The accompanying design for a bench is artistic in its simplicity, and might easily be copied by any amateur car-



A SIMPLY MADE WOODEN BENCH.

penter. The ends are cut in a pattern out of a thick board, as in cut No. 2, and are held together by a bevelled bar, which, passing through the supports, is firmly held in place by wooden pins, as shown in No. 1. A simple contrivance, but nothing could be stronger.

Pussy Understood.

He was a fine Persian cat and came proudly marching into the house one day with a poor little sparrow in his mouth, for pussies will catch birds, no matter how fine their family blood may be.

After showing his prize Pussy went to the front door, and, thinking the mat there would make a nice table, commenced his meal. Of course, he scattered a great many feathers around, and made the front entrance look anything but tidy, and the cook was not pleased at the litter Pussy had made, and told him so, and said the next time he chose to dine there he must turn the mat over on the wrong side. And, following his own text, cook turned the mat over.

About two weeks afterward Pussy brought another bird to the front door and, though the mat was quite heavy for him, took his claws and turned it over as cook had told him to do. Then he proceeded to his feast.

Not Consoling.

Tommy (who has been indulging in unripe fruit, clandestinely acquired). "Mother, if a boy steals green apples, will he go to the bad place?"

Mother—"Yes, Tommy; but before that he will have the stomachache."

LOST ILLUSIONS.

I used to think that marionettes
Were people live and true;
That Judy and Punch and the baby
dear
Were living people, too.
And now I know that they're only
dolls
Which do what they're made to do.
But, oh, dear, nothing is half the fun
That it was before I knew!

WHEN TEDDY SMITH.

When Teddy Smith first put on pants,
He felt so very grand
He wouldn't mind his mother,
Or he wouldn't hold her hand.

But on the street he walked ahead,
And tried to whistle some,
He thought perhaps he'd go to war,
And fire an awful gun.

His mother mustn't spread his bread,
Nor cut things on his plate;
She mustn't say "No more, my dear!"
No matter what he ate.

So hard to please this gentleman
His loving mother tried,
It quite enlarged his dignity,
And swelled his lofty pride.

And all was brave, and all was well,
Until that mother said,
At 8 o'clock, "Of course, dear sir,
You'll go alone to bed!"

Ah, would you have me say what
then
Befell the great big man?
For if you undertake to guess—
I hardly think you can!

He turned the corners of his mouth
Most fearfully awry,
He rubbed his grown-up fist awhile
Across his grown-up eye.

Then burying in his mother's lap
Both pride and manly joy,
He said in just the littlest voice,
"I guess I'm just a boy!"
—Youth's Companion.

Kitty's First Mouse.

"Bessie, Bessie, come quickly, and
bring kitty with you," called Aunt
Ella up the stairs.

"What for, Auntie?" was the an-
swer, as Bessie came running down.
She held a pretty little tabby kitten of
three months old in her baby arms.

"Cook says there's a mouse in the
back of the kitchen, dear," replied
Auntie, as she lifted the little girl off
the last step of the stairs.

"A live mouse!" cried Bessie, trotting
down the passage after her Auntie.
"Why, hasn't it run away? It will be
kitty's first mouse, won't it, Auntie?"



(Kitty's first mouse.)

"Yes, and I think it will be mousie's

first kitty, too. Cook says it's a very
little one," said Auntie.

Opening a door at the end of the
passage, Bessie ran into the kitchen.

"Where is the mousie, cook?" she
asked. "I've brought kitty."

"Be very quiet, Bessie," said cook as
she led the way to the little yard back
of the kitchen. "He'll come again in a
minute, if you wait."

Bessie put down the kitten, who,
never having seen a mouse before, sat
down on the steps wondering why he
was awakened from his cozy nap on
Bessie's soft bed. Very soon the dear-
est, tinnest, timidest gray mouse Bessie
had ever seen ran out from under the
grate, and looked around with its
bright black eyes. He did not seem a
bit afraid of kitty, but ran up to him
and held up his little nose for a kiss.
As kitty was not very big, no doubt
mousie thought it was his mother.

"Kitty thinks, 'What a funny little
thing,'" said Bessie in a whisper, as
he bent down and smelt it. Mousie
gave a little jump, and ran away as
fast as he could go. Then kitty sprang
after him.

"Oh, he will kill the poor little
mousie," cried Bessie, jumping up from
her chair.

"No, he won't. Look, dear! He's
gone!" said Auntie. And sure enough,
at that moment Master Mousie reached
his hole under the fence and ran into
it with a squeak of joy.

Bessie picked up the kitten. "Poor
kitty! don't be disappointed! Never
mind if you have lost him. I'll give
you a nice dinner instead."

Then she added, as she ran upstairs,
'You're a very good little kitten to let
mousie run home and not kill him.'

This Girl Wants a Chum.

My ideal chum would be a girl of my
own age, who was large rather than
small, and more light than dark. I
should want her to be very strong, so
that when she came to me she could
manage my brother, who would be
sure to tease her. She must love knowl-
edge and be zealous in pursuit of it.
I would prefer one who had musical
talent. She must have some opinions of
her own, and be able to argue without
becoming angry, but she must believe
in woman's suffrage, prohibition and
Protestantism. She must not be too
bold, selfish or proud; nor must she be
overmodest; better a little inclined to
tomboyishness. She must not be afraid
of mice, bugs, snakes or the dark; she
must like horses and know a good deal
about them—not only to ride and drive,
but the care of them. She must be in-
dustrious. I would prefer a country
girl who knew how to farm. Lastly,
she must not be easy to take offense,
for I would speak plainly to her in all
things and expect the same of her.

The Funny Bone.

That which is popularly known as
the "funny bone," just at the point of
the elbow, is in reality not a bone at
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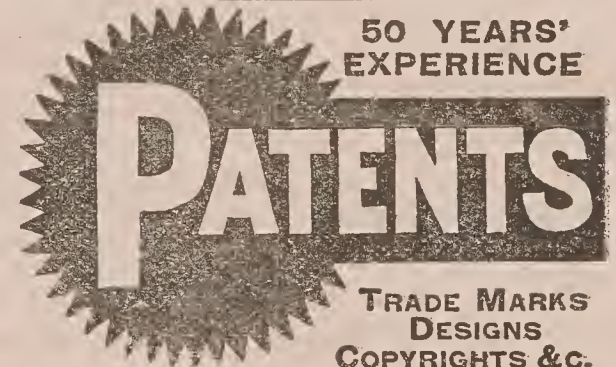
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1. What bird has a ruffle?
 2. What bird lives on fish which it takes by suddenly darting upon them when they are near the surface of the water?
 3. Which bird builds a nest that hangs from the branch of a tree?
 4. Which bird has a bill with a tooth at the end and feeds on small birds and insects?
 5. A diminutive for the young of a powerful bird.
- The primals name the Christmas bird.

No. 361.—Seasonable Pl.

No hastserim tel lal grena den,
Eb escape webtene su, ho, ym derfin,
Kahr! hara,het yaenyel sohure lilt,
Eb escape no luter ot lal dogo lilw.

No. 362.—Numerical Enigma.

- A great writer of fiction who was born in the last century and died in the present.
- 8, 3, 5, 2, 6, transparent, intelligible.
- 1, 5, 7, 4, a cardinal point.
- 11, 6, 9, 1, 5, 3, a garden tool.
- 6, 5, 7, 10, pleasant after work.
- 8, 3, 2, 1, the extremity of the limb of an animal.
- 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, a great necessity of life.
- 4, 9, 2, 7, 11, often seen on your breakfast table.
- 8, 6, 9, 1, heard in the early morning.
- 8, 9, 2, 7, 10, where land and sea meet.

No. 363.—Central Deletions.

The firelight flickered on the wall,
Hung with the rich wrought tapestry of ALL,
And showed weird shapes of various hues—
Imps, gnomes and NEXTS in reds and blues.

Upon the WHOLE a pictured face
Looked out from frame of rare old lace
And seemed to tell a NEXT of woe,
There in the firelight's flickering glow.

No. 364.—A Christmas Puzzle.



The initials of the names of four of the objects represented above, together with all the letters contained in that of the fifth, will form the name of the popular festivity which is illustrated in the central picture.

No. 365.—Treasure Trove.

In the surname of a merchant prince of New York city, now deceased, find "allowance for weight," "sailors," "a dish made of meat and vegetables," "craft," "an excrescence which appears and disappears suddenly, though it frequently remains some time," "a kind of pie," "carnage," "a beverage," "to move," "a heavenly body," "to scatter," "to look fixedly," "a copula verb," "a thick, dark, resinous substance obtained from the pine and the fir," "applied sciences which may be divided into useful, mechanic, liberal and fine."

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1. In "puzzler."
2. A woolly substance on cloth.
3. A bard among the ancient Goths.
4. A teller of news.
5. Expressed by figures.
6. Pertaining to a complete view.
7. The outer boundary of a figure.
8. One who relates.
9. A horse kept for running in contests.
10. A household god. (Rom. Ant.)
11. In "puzzler."

No. 367.—How Long Is It?

An oblong garden is 13 yards longer than it is broad, and the whole length of the fence round is 402 yards. What is the length of the garden?

No. 368.—A Reversal.

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He lunched on LAST in sweet content,
The sugar box he raided,
And now that he can eat no more
He turns reluctant to give o'er
The realm he has invaded.

No. 369.—Riddles.

1. Which is the longest word in the English language?
2. What small animal is turned into a large one by being beheaded?
3. What word is there of four letters from which, if you remove one, only one will remain?
4. What word is there of six letters from which you can take away one and leave eight?
5. What word is there of six letters from which you can take away two and leave nine?

Questions and Answers.

Mention five races of men. Men, women, children and babies.

Of what is the surface of the earth composed? Dirt and people.

Name a fruit which has its seeds on the outside. A seed cake.

Name five forms of water. Hot water, cold water, faucet water, well water and ice water.

Name and locate the five senses. The eyes are in the northern part of the face and the mouth in the southern.

What is yeast? Yeast is a vegetable flying about in the air, hitching itself on to anything.

Why do you open the dampers in a stove when lighting a fire? To let the oxygen in and the nitrogen out.

What are the last teeth that come to a man? False teeth.—Good Housekeeping.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 353.—A Riddle: A drop of water.

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NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.



STANLEY GIBBON'S Stamp Catalogue, 1900, Part I, the British Empire, has made its appearance, showing a tendency towards lower prices, as was apparent with Scott's catalogue published last fall. The work is better illustrated than ever before,

containing a number of enlarged photographic representations of certain stamps in addition to the smaller-sized cuts previously used.

The year book of the American Philatelic Association is out, containing 81 large-sized pages of closely-printed matter concerning the last convention, the report of committees, by-laws of the society and the membership list.

Quite a find of department envelopes was discovered the other day by a workman beneath a pile of lumber under the roof of the Federal building in Denver. A large box, covered with dust and badly battered, was dug out of the pile, containing a quantity of envelopes addressed to the chief post office inspector at Washington, D. C. They were all post office envelopes, not worth very much apiece, but considerable in the aggregate.

The bureau of engraving and printing are rushing along the enormous work of preparing the new stamp books for distribution among all the offices, turning out some 50,000 a day, and it is expected that the 25c books, containing a dozen 2c stamps, will be put on sale about the first of May.

At the last meeting held by the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute, D. S. Wells was chosen president and Mr. Crawford Capen vice-president. The retiring president, Dr. Hyatt, in his closing speech, advocated the establishment of a postal museum and the admittance of several thousand non-resident philatelists as corresponding members.

Archibald D. Buchanan of Chicago, charged with having plates and dies of counterfeit stamps in his possession, has been arrested by the secret service and will be held in \$1000 bonds until the time for his appearance before the Federal grand jury.

Owing to the attraction of the Paris Exposition a larger number of dealers and collectors than ever before propose spending their vacations abroad this summer.

Gas from an ordinary coal fire is supposed, by one writer, to have been the means of changing our much-talked-of variety of the 2c envelope from red to orange.

The Emerson Drug Co. will use a new private stamp upon their preparation of Bromo Seltzer.

Most of the varieties of Canadian map stamps are not to be considered varieties at all. They are merely slight shade variations caused by the wiping of the plates.

We sometimes receive envelopes in our mail with cut round envelope stamps pasted on same. These envelopes always bear a 2c due stamp or an ordinary 2c adhesive besides the envelope stamp, for the post office will not accept an unused cut-round envelope stamp to pay postage on a letter, and requires the sender to affix an ordinary stamp or

charges postage due to the receiver. In some foreign countries however such envelope stamps actually do postal duty.

According to a French authority no less than 652 new stamps appeared during the year 1899.

In order to secure the new private proprietary stamps drug clerks are soaking off these labels from bottles of patent medicine and substituting the common issues for the stamps removed.

An insurance company in Germany insures stamps in transit at a very low rate, charging according to distance. The rate in Germany is only 7 pfennig for each 1000 marks in value and 10c on every \$100. worth of stamps sent from Germany to New York.



Our cuts illustrate the new stamps for Austria first mentioned by us several weeks ago. The values are in hellers and kronen but otherwise the stamps are little different from the previous issue. The

first two cuts represent the ordinary postage stamps, the third is for newspapers, only one value of which has yet appeared, namely, 2 hellers, and the last cut illustrates the due stamps, at present there being two values of these, 1h and 2h, both brown in color, and some of them perforated while others are not.



When Austria changed her monetary system Hungary followed suite, issuing new stamps with values in fillers and koronas. There are 12 bi-colored stamps in the set, all like the cut except the last two, the 1 korona and 3 korona, which contain a portrait.

The Vasco de Gama stamps of Portugal did not turn out to be a success from a financial point of view, as was expected, the printing of the stamps and cards costing \$50,000, and the sale yielding only \$4,000.

It is said that there is a secret agitation in progress tending towards a combined movement on the part of proprietary medicine manufacturers to reduce the cost of revenue stamps upon patent medicines and other drug specialties.

The Boston Journal describes a peculiar method employed by a Chicago swindler to earn a livelihood. The informant is a commercial traveller who relates his experience as follows:

"I was chatting with a friend in the lobby of a fashionable hotel in Chicago," he says, "when I noticed an old man coming out of the writing room. He was shabbily dressed, but clean and appeared to be perfectly respect-

able. His kindly face wore a look of annoyance as he gazed at four letters which he held in his hand. As he approached me I saw that they were sealed and addressed, but had no stamps on them. Finally the old fellow stopped in front of my chair. Holding out the letters in one hand and a penny in the other he said:

"I beg your pardon, but have you four stamps that you can spare? When I came away from home I had a dime, but I find it was a penny, and I am very anxious to get these letters off in the first mail."

"It happened that I had just bought 50 cents' worth of stamps, and without a moment's hesitation I handed four of them to the old man. He thanked me graciously and walked away. I turned to renew the conversation with my friend and found him shaking with laughter.

"You are the easiest thing I have seen in a long time," he said. "That is probably the most noted and successful beggar in Chicago. He is well known at all of the larger hotels, and it is said makes from \$3 to \$6 a day by means of his little game."

MISCELLANEOUS

"While I was in the Philippine Islands with the First South Dakota Regiment," writes a correspondent, "I was with the boys when we made a raid on a nest of Insurgents in the city of Manila on the 13th of Feb., 1899, and I was lucky enough to get into the Insurgent headquarters and get a few sets of Aguinaldo postage stamps. These stamps were issued by the Insurgent government and bear the triangle and the lone star of the Philippine Republic, and are about the only ones in existence, as the plates were destroyed at the time by fire and there will never be any more issued."

A brilliant set of stamps, 1-2p to 50 pounds sterling, is to be issued by Natal as a means of raising money for the sufferers from the Boer invasions. Half a million dollars, it is expected, will be realized from the sale of these stamps to collectors.

The notion that reprints are never worth more than a few cents apiece (if that) is an incorrect one. Some reprints are to-day worth more than the original stamps and others, though cheaper than the originals, are priced in the dollars.

The new Bosnia stamps are very much like the old ones except that the numerals are in the lower instead of the upper corners. There is no further inscription on the stamps.

Venezuela has ordered a new set of stamps of the American Bank Note Co. of N. Y.

Postmaster Gordon recommends the pneumatic tube delivery system for Chicago.

The prices of South African stamps are still on the boom.

The post office of the United States is the largest business establishment in the world.

Philatelic papers are published in 21 states of the Union, and in all the large cities except Chicago and Washington. N. Y. has 10; Pa., 6; Mass., 5; Neb., Mo., Iowa, Ill., Ohio and Cal. each have two; Colo., Me., Va., Mich., Md., S. Dak., Tex., Kas., Ind., Ky., Conn. and Wash. have one each.

Puerto Rico is the new spelling adopted by the government for the above island. All stamps and post cards will hereafter be surcharged with the name printed as above.

The latest novelty is a cuff button encasing a rare postage stamp.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

A. R. H. Continentals are European stamps. W. T. The first special delivery stamp issued (1885) contained the inscription, "Secures immediate delivery at a special delivery office." The second issue has "at any post office" in place of the last part of the above sentence. They are two distinct varieties.

THE MARKET.



E continue our series of articles on the prices paid by dealers for used postage stamps by giving a list of the REVENUE STAMPS OF THE U. S. which are salable to-day, placing such value on the stamps as we feel sure are obtainable, overlooking the fact that some dealers might give more for certain specimens they were particularly in need of.

Per 10 Per 100

First issue. Wash'n in oval.

1c express red.....	50
1c proprietary red.....	50
1c telegraph.....	17
2c bank check orange.....	04
2c bank check blue.....	13
2c express ".....	50
2c express orange.....	85
2c playing card blue.....	30
2c proprietary blue.....	85
2c U. S. int. rev. orange.....	04
3c for'n exch. green.....	70
3c proprietary ".....	14
4c inland exc. brown.....	50
4c proprietary violet.....	25
5c agreement red.....	40
5c certificate ".....	10
5c express ".....	85
5c for'n exch. ".....	70
5c inl'd exch. ".....	12
6c " " orange.....	22
10c bill of lading blue.....	65
10c certif. ".....	12
10c contract ".....	12
10c inl'd. exch. ".....	12
10c power of atty ".....	25
15c inl'd exch brown.....	40
20c " " red.....	25
25c bond ".....	12
25c certif ".....	12
25c entry goods ".....	10
25c insurance ".....	25
25c life ins ".....	30
25c power atty ".....	25
25c protest ".....	40
30c inld exch lilac.....	85
40c " " brown.....	70
50c conveyance blue.....	12
50c entry goods ".....	15
50c life ins ".....	65
50c mortgage ".....	40
50c orig proc ".....	14
50c passage tick't ".....	22
50c surity bond ".....	10
60c inl'd exch. orange.....	13
70c for'n " green.....	11
1d conveyance red.....	22
1d entry of goods ".....	50
1d for'n exch. ".....	25
1d inl'd " ".....	25
1d lease ".....	10
1d life ins. ".....	22
1d power atty. ".....	80

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2d conveyance red.....	15
2d mortg. ".....	16
2d 50c inl'd exch. violet 10	
3d charter party green 14	
3d manifest ".....	20
5d charter party red.....	20
5d conveyance red.....	17

2d issue. Wash'n in octagon.

Color, blue and black.

2c.....	25
3c.....	50
5c.....	11
10c.....	25
20c.....	22

Wash'n in circle. Color, blue and black.

25c.....	25
50c.....	25
1d.....	14
1d 50c.....	35
2d 50c.....	40

3d issue. Bi-colored.

2c black and orange.....	04
5c " ".....	10
30c " ".....	40
1d " green.....	85

4th issue.

2c black and or'ge, gr'n p.....	04
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5th issue. Head of Liberty.

2c blue.....	03
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6th issue. Playing card.

2c lake.....	10
2c blue.....	08

Proprietary stamps.

1c black and green.....	10
2c " ".....	10
4c " ".....	12

1878 issue proprietary.

1c green.....	20
2c brown.....	25
3c orange.....	85
4c red.....	17

4c red brown.....	85
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1898. Postage stamps surch. I. R.

1c green, red surch.....	12
2c carmine, blue surch.....	12

1898 Proprietary.

½c yellow green, battleship.....	06
¼c light brown.....	10
¾c orange.....	25
½c ultramarine.....	25
1c dark green.....	20
1¼c purple.....	25
1½c dull blue.....	40
2c violet brown.....	40
2¼c lake.....	40
3¼c olive gray.....	75
4c purple.....	75
5c brown.....	85

1898. Documentary.

½c orange, battleship.....	10
½c gray brown.....	12
1c light blue.....	06
2c rose.....	02
3c blue.....	15
4c rose.....	15
5c lilac.....	04
10c dark brown.....	07

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3c lilac	3	30
1897 1c rose	3	35
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